

MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 11th February 2025 at 7pm

Present; Cllrs Bailey , Caddell , Claridge , Clarke , Cooke , Cotton , Hore (Chair) ,
and Roddy County Cllr Hawkins & District Cllr Penfold
Clerk - Karen Gilbert, and 4 members of the Public

25/02/01 Apologies for Absence -

Cllrs Morris-Rabbitts and Sharland (Apologies approved)

25/02/02 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Roddy - as Trustee - Marldon Land Charity

Cllr Clarke - as Trustee TRAYE

Cllr Claridge - as Member of Cricket Club

25/02/03 Dispensation request - None

25/02/04 - Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Full Council meetings held on 14th January 2025 were **APPROVED** by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record

STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED

25/02/05 - Public participation - NONE

25/02/06 Councillor reports

District Cllr Penfold - Full report available from Clerk

Locality Funds

I was very happy to give the Allotment Group additional funds so they could complete their matting project. This came from the climate change funds which support community projects which encourage sustainability, reduces emissions and promotes green living. Encouraging and supporting locals to grow their own food fulfils all those categories. It also promotes the mental health and wellbeing of our residents.

Deadline for this financial year for allocation of Locality Funds: February/beginning of March.

If there are projects you wish me to support, please apply before the end of February/beginning of March. Otherwise, it will be until May before I can release any further money.

Allocation of S106 funds.

After the well-run and well-attended presentation morning organised by the parish council, completed application forms now are to be sent to the S106b officer, Alexis Huggins by March 7th. Alexis and I will meet on March 12th to consider the nominations. We will make final decisions by considering the representations from the different organisations, and residents' support.

Garden Waste Service

South Hams residents can sign up to or renew their subscription for our garden waste collection service from Monday (3 February).

The fee is going up this year to cover costs, though a discount is being offered to those who sign up early: Anyone who signs up between 3 February and 1 April 2025 will pay a discounted fee of £65 for a year-long subscription running from April 2025 that covers collections for one brown wheelie bin.

There is a maximum of two subscriptions (which would cover two bins) per household. Anyone who signs up after 31 March will pay £68. This is an increase on last year's fee, but it is considered necessary to cover rising costs.

The quickest and easiest way for residents to sign up is at: www.southhams.gov.uk/gardenwaste . The website is also full of information on the service. Alternatively, residents can call the council, though they are encouraged to use the website as it's easier and quicker.

For current subscribers who renew before 1 April, there will be no changes to their service, and they can continue to use their brown bin with no interruptions.

County Cllr Hawkins

Cllr Hawkins advised that Devon County would be setting its Budget the following week and that the Devon County elections planned for 1st May 2025 would take place. He confirmed that the Devolution process - Local Government reorganisation - was moving forward - but advised that Devon was not to be treated as a Fast Track case - which could mean that Devon County might remain for 3 more years (SHDC possibly for 4 years)

He noted the imminent arrival of the three new Bus shelters - a joint County/Parish Council initiative and urged the Council to progress the VAS sign project . Cllr Hawkins was pleased to have been able to make a further grant to the Compost Group

STANDING ORDERS WERE RE-INSTATED

25/02/07 - Planning

Cllr Claridge - as Planning lead Cllr - advised the Council of the finer detail on the applications below - notification and request to refer to the online SHDC planning having been circulated to all during the previous month

<u>0152/25/ARC</u>	1 Lower Westerland Barns The Old Stables Westerland Marldon TQ3 1RU	Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 4 (Landscaping Scheme) & 5 (Surface Water Drainage Design) to planning consent 4494/22/FUL NOTED
<u>4118/24/HHO</u>	7 Belfield Avenue Marldon TQ3 1NU	Householder application for overcladding of existing rear dormer extension & gable walls with horizontal composite cladding, demolition of conservatory & construction of single storey rear extension SUPPORT

25/02/08 - Garden of Rest

a) to receive an update

The Chairman advised that further planting had taken place , groundworks completed to accommodate the benches and gazebo and the grounds / boundaries/ fences tidied and/or removed . He thanked all those who had helped in this process

b) to receive , consider and approve administrative documentation / suggestions

The recommendations of the Working party agreed by those present in January were sanctioned by the Council

The Clerk advised that the remaining recommendations were still in the process of research and would be brought to the 03/25 meeting

ACTION ; CLERK TO CONTINUE TO CONSIDER THE DOCUMENTATION / ADMIN

25/02/09 - AdminTo receive report on potential new website / hosting - Cllr Morris
Rabbitts had ascertained that the email accounts could be migrated to a Cloud Based platform and is in the process of testing out the process

b) To confirm date / arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting - It was **AGREED** that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Wednesday 16th April 2025 - Time tbc
The Clerk confirmed that the large Hall had been booked and asked for thought to be given to the refreshments

25/02/10 - 106 FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council had received 3 quotes for the MUGA - the Chairman explained the difference and advantages of the varying surfaces and other relevant matters . The quotes covered the basic courts for comparison process - once one preferred had been selected , further add ons would be explored

The quotes (which were very close in price) had been circulated to all Councillors in advance

A vote was taken and it was **RESOLVED** unanimously to accept the quote from Rhinoplay
It should be **NOTED** that the acceptance of the quote was subject to a successful application for funds from the 106 monies held by SHDC

a) To receive an update on the Public consultation held on 18th January

The Clerk advised that she had received good feedback on the consultation process

It should be noted that the figures for preferred options were

Cricket	= 21
Muga	= 38
Bowls	= 22 -

b) To note to procedure as laid down by SHDC to apply for Funding - applications to SHDC by 7th March 2025

Application forms and guidance had been sent to all potential applicants

c) To note applications by

Parish Council - MUGA Court

Bowls Club - Roof repairs

Cricket club - Practice nets (maybe also Scoreboard)

It was **NOTED** that the Parish Council supported these projects

25/02/11 - Clerk's report - NONE

25/02/12 Cheques for payment - Approved

Karen Gilbert (reimburse)	40.00		40.00	ICO fee due 03/25
Alison Caddell	22.54		22.54	Ink - printing council docs
Rupert Baker	189.00		189.00	Tree survey
Derek Hore. (reimburse)	173.65		173.65	MEG thank you
Karen Gilbert	106.74		106.74	Extra hours 106 consultation
Karen Gilbert	81.65		81.65	Clerk's exp / refreshments
Source for business	22.83		22.83	Water - tap Jubilee Meadow
Derek Hore. (reimburse)	354.16	70.84	425.00	20 mats (250 grant)
Karen Gilbert	226.20		226.20	Backpay/gross bank not recd S/O
Hero Excavators	1794.67	358.93	2153.60	Concrete bases GoR (Lands)
Hero Excavators	897.33	179.47	1076.80	Hedge / fence works GoR
Julie Hore (reimburse)	1500.00	300.00	1800.00	3 x seats GoR (Lands)
Julie Hore (reimburse)	212.79		212.79	Shrubs etc GoR (Lands)
Source for business	30.18		30.18	Allots water
Birbeck Landscapes **	3595.00		3595.00	Grass cutting 2024/25

b) To receive update on asset register

The asset register had been updated and it was **NOTED** that any new acquisitions will be better documented . **APPROVED**

The Chairman thanked Cllr Caddell for assisting and inspecting the Parish Assets

c) To note any SHDC / DCC owned assets within the Parish

The Clerk advised that the only asset was a lease from the National Trust held by SHDC for the Village Car Park . A provisional iParish Council nterest has been noted at SHDC

25/01/13 Councillor reports - Full reports available from Clerk

a) WAM Work has been somewhat restricted due to the wet weather, but weeding has been done around the spring flowers in the Memorial Garden, and the young trees in Jubilee Meadow have been checked and resecured where needed. Bulb planting and seeding will take place as and when the weather allows.

b) MEG. Firstly, a big thank-you from all MEG members to Cllr Hore and the Parish Council for organising the annual get-together at the Smokey last month. It was well attended and a chance to show all the Volunteers that their work is appreciated. Our Devon County Public Rights of Way Warden Paul McFadden attended for the first time, and Farmer Dave Berlyn was presented with his thank-you goody bag of chocolate! The adverse weather has taken its toll so far this year and we met for the first time last Wednesday to replace a rotten step riser in Peter's Field and do some general tidying up, along with fitting a much needed name plate at the main entrance to the field. The buddle hole on the old Ring Road was cleared in preparation for more rain.

c) Compton report Residents are still waiting to hear something from Southwest Water regarding the unacceptable delay in starting work on the sewage relief tank. Our MP Caroline Voaden has again been requested to try and get a response from them but to no avail so far. Compton did flood briefly during the heavy rain last month but this was surface water only, the regular sewer cleanse that SWW are carrying out so far seems to be having some effect. The National Trust have still done nothing with their section of the stream which they promised to dredge.

d) Police Advocate report There have been a couple of Advocate meetings so far this year, both poorly attended compared to those of last year. As usual the highlights have been the bigger towns in the area and they all seem to be suffering from the same ongoing issues, mainly drug abuse, graffiti and anti-social behaviour. Various activities within our Parish have been noted and are ongoing.

e) TRAYE

On 10/01/25 we had 45 young people attend Marldon Youth Club, of these young people, 44 were from the village and 1 was from outside of Marldon. We had 4 youth workers delivering the session and 1 volunteer. This session focussed on setting our Intentions for the new year, clay modelling, making wellness fortune tellers, playing pool, ball games and table tennis. It was great to see the young people after Christmas and hear about their christmas times. Good fun was had by all. There were no safeguarding issues at this session and no incidents or accidents. Cost of resources and food - £38.75

On 24/01/25 we had 48 young people attend Youth Club, of these young people 46 were from Marldon and 2 were from outside the village. We had 4 youth workers delivering the session and 2 volunteers helping out. This session focussed on Chinese New Year and the year of the Snake, playing games and making friendship bracelets. We enjoyed trying out some chinese food and eating it with chopsticks which was fun and very messy!

We also talked to the young people about the Great British Birdwatch and how to sign up to this. Young people made homemade bird food to put out in their gardens.

PC Shardlow came to visit us and kindly brought us some colouring pages and stickers too!

First Aid was administered to one young person in this session by the Lead Youth Worker who is First Aid trained. No further action was needed but the accident was recorded.

Cost of food and resources - £52.99

Our next Youth Club session will take place on 14/02/25 and we will be focussing on Valentine's Day and Healthy Relationships and Friendships. We also have half term coming up and the young people from Marldon have been invited to a Horse Care trip on Monday 17th February and Adrenalin Trampoline Park on Tuesday 18th February. This should be great fun.

Cllr. Bailey will be visiting us over the coming month and Adele has been in touch with her to let her know the dates of the up and coming sessions.

f) Defibs/ bleed kits inc production of rota for inspections

1. I completed inspections on our defib case and blood pack case at The Smokey and Cut of Class on the 6th of February, I am pleased to report that the defibs are working and the packs are in order, I have updated the monitoring site accordingly. 2. Despite our continued efforts and inspections to find an alternative site in Compton we have not found anything that would be as suitable as the NT site, we have therefore written to the NT Chartered Surveyor, Sophie Fitzgerald and requested a draft license for their site, at time of writing she has confirmed that she will email it to our Clerk for the MPC to consider.

25/02/14- Open Spaces - All areas are looking good and well used by Parishioners.

Regular inspections of the allotments had commenced and further mats had been bought and laid to complete the project . The Chairman thanked Cllr Penfold for her offer to fund the additional mats - bringing the total grant for all the mats to £1225.00

A tree survey had been carried out on the PC owned trees by Rupert Baker - no works required except for the removal of ivy on some trees in Jubilee Meadow

25/02/15 Playground . Cllr Cotton reported he had tightened a couple of loose bolts otherwise all was good . The Chairman mentioned a request for a swing in Peters Field - It was **AGREED** that the facilities already provided were sufficient

25/02/16 HIGHWAYS - It was **NOTED** that the Clerk was awaiting a response from Devon lighting granting permission for the equipment to be added to existing lamp posts . Quotes for the installation of the post were being obtained .

It was **AGREED** that the VAS sign should be ordered as soon as possible . In this regard , it was **RESOLVED** (all in a agreement) that the sign be ordered with a ceiling figure of £4000 . It was **NOTED** that the sum of £1000 had been granted towards this by Cllr Jonathan Hawkins

25/02/17- DATE OF NEXT MEETING. 11th March 2025 at 7pm - Marldon Village Hall

There being no further business , the Meeting was CLOSED. at. 8.20 pm